

Among interesting places on trail is walled cemetery where marker designates burial place of

four highly prized dogs and three travelers at Lookout Pony Express Station near Lookout Pass.

Pony Express Route West Glitters With Old History

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Utah has a band of history across its center — that when traveled after the snow melts in the spring — glitters with history like the stones in a diamond tiara.

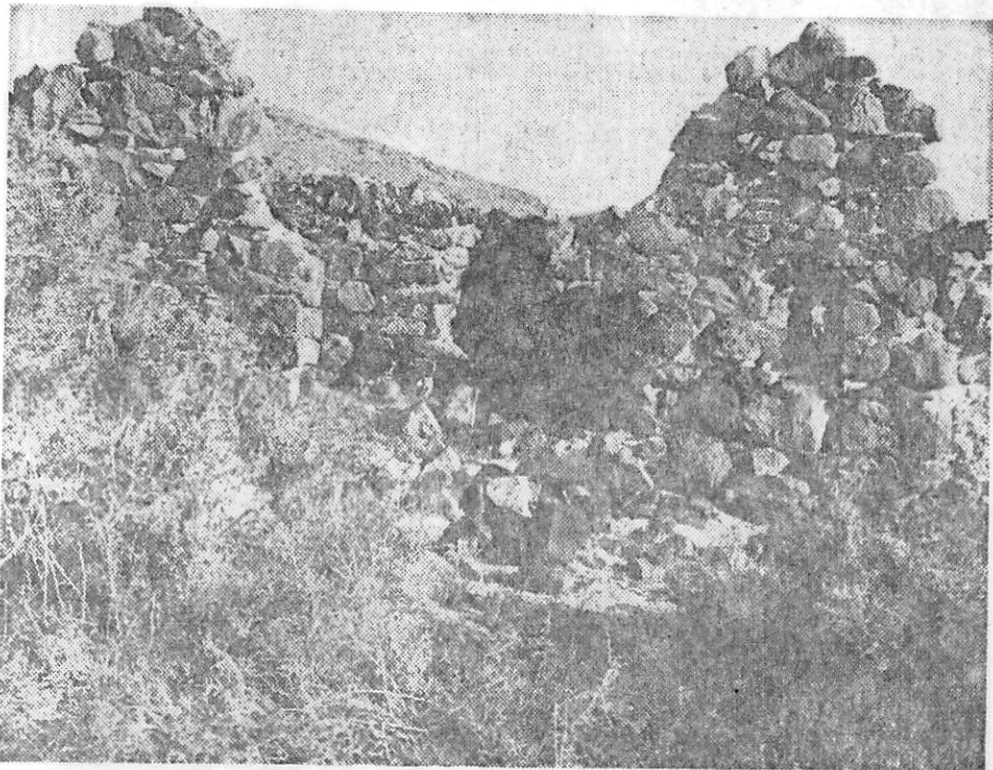
Sprinkled along the swath of dry desolate land are waypoints that tell of death, heartache and man's race with time.

Names like Deep Creek, Burnout, Round, Willow Springs, Boyd, Fish Springs, Black Rock, Dugway, Riverbed, Simpson Springs, Lookout Pass, Rush Valley, East Rush Valley, Camp Floyd, mark stops riders of the Pony Express made in taking mail from the Nevada border to Salt Lake City.

ROUTE FEATURED

The route was made famous during the short-lived run of the PE from April 3, 1860 until Oct. 24, 1861, when the transcontinental telegraph connection at Salt Lake City spelled its doom. It is featured in "Our Public Lands," magazine of the Bureau of Land Management. The story is by Terral King.

Most of the former station stops — some completely gone, others in ruin, and some intact — are on BLM-administered lands. The public is welcome to



Rock walls with gun placement still stand at Boyd Station Pony Express stop where Indians had marauded. Arrowheads have been found at the site.

travel the dirt and gravel road running nearly parallel with the trail.

FAIRFIELD

Out of Salt Lake City, the place to start the trip is at Fair-

field, west of Lehi on Utah 73, a raucous boomtown spawned by the arrival of Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston's "Utah" army.

The old inn has been restored by the Utah Park and Recrea-

tion Commission as a tourist attraction. Picnic places and well-landscaped grounds still make it a rest stop today.

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Rush Valley Station

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goes west to Five-Mile Pass where the paved highway is left behind in crossing Rush Valley to East Rush Valley Station. Daughters of Utah Pioneers have marked this site with a plaque.

RUSH VALLEY

The little Tooele town of Faust, commemorates H. J. (Doc) Faust, an occasional "Pony" rider, who operated the next station on the stop — Rush Valley Station.

An elaborate stone-walled "dog" cemetery is an attraction at Lookout Pass. Four favored dogs — whose names have been preserved — are interred there, along with three travelers whose names are unknown. The station was manned by Horace Rockwell and his wife, Libby.

OTHER STOPS

Remnants of Simpson Springs, the next stop, still exist. Water from the spring supplied other stops.

Riverbed Station site is at the foot of Table Mountain.

From Dugway Station, the next stop, also marked by a monument, the trail leads

northward to a black volcanic knoll which was the site of Blackrock Station.

Between here and the Nevada border are the remaining six stops — Fish Springs, Boyd, Willow Springs, Round, Burnout and Deep Creek.

Burnout Station came by its name justly, after being destroyed several times by Indians. Gun ports are still intact in the ruins of Boyd Station near Callao.

Deep Creek Station, the last out of Utah, as one of the larger stations and some buildings are still intact, including a store opened by PE rider Howard Egan.

Airman Promoted

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Adam S. Brown, former Salt Lake City resident, has been promoted to captain in the U.S. Air Force. Capt. Brown, son of Dr. and Mrs. Moroni H. Brown, 1221 5th Ave., is personnel director for the Astronaut School at Edwards AFB. He will soon begin training at the Air Force Chaplain School at Lackland AFB, Texas.